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Shown here left to right, Karen Rehfeld, State Co-Chair, George Cannelos, Federal Co-Chair, Bernie Karl and Kathy Prentki, Energy Program Manager of the Denali Commission.

The Denali Commission Awards Bernie Karl of the Chena Hot Springs Resort with the 2007 Innovation Award

Anchorage, AK - - December 3, 2007 – The Denali Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the 2007 recipient of the Denali Commission Innovation Award. The Denali Commission's Innovation Award recognizes an individual who has made a meaningful change to improve a community's product, service, program, or operation and creates new value for the community.

Bernie Karl exemplifies the Innovation Award through his work at the Chena Hot Springs Resort. Chena Hot Springs is now home to the world's only geothermally operated absorption chiller which maintains the resort and the Aurora Ice Museum. A greenhouse heated entirely with water from the geothermal resource provides fresh produce for the resort.

The Denali Commission strives to fund new innovative solutions to the challenges faced in rural Alaska and is pleased to present Bernie Karl with the 2007 Innovation Award. The Denali Commission recognized Bernie Karl at the Commission's quarterly meeting held in Anchorage on November 29, 2007.

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